

# BOLLYWOOD

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## Dr. Khiladi

The University of Windsor in Ontario has awarded Akshay Kumar an honorary doctorate. Dr. Kumar, who didn't finish his undergraduate degree, was apparently extremely humbled by the honor conferred upon him. Now to wait for Munnabhai to receive an honorary medical degree!

## Padmashri Dixit

'Tis the season for award giving. Madhuri Dixit was recently awarded the Padmashri by President Pratibha Patil earlier this month for her contribution to Indian cinema. It's all due to her hard work and dedication, says Ms. Dixit. Hubby, Dr. Nene, was present for the function, though he seemed a little overwhelmed by all the media attention, especially with reporters asking him questions in Hindi! Madhuri's only regret was that she wasn't able to meet M. Night Shyamalan, who was also bestowed with the same title.

## Blogging Blues

Amir Khan had started the trend, now Big B has followed suit, and has the media hanging on to his every word. When Amitabh Bachchan talks, people listen.

Given that he's maintained a dignified silence on issues that are invariably misconstrued and blown out of proportion by the media, the written word from the man himself cannot be. Bravo, Mr. Bachchan!

Amir, on the other hand, has surprised many by mentioning in his blog that "Shahrukh is licking my feet..." No, it's not what you think. It's a dog named Shahrukh, so named by the house staff after SRK himself had stayed there. Umm ... cho chweet ...?

## Garam Masala

John Abraham and Akshay Kumar are slated to make another comedy together after Garam Ma-

sala. Though official word isn't out, Anees Bazmee (Welcome director) is pretty sure they're game. This time, though, I hope they sign on females with some acting ability!

## Mera naam hai Czarina

At least that's what the media is calling her. Kareena Kapoor is reigning supreme in Bollywood

she's gotten rid of her implants. Which ones, I don't know!

## Lage Raho Munnabhai

Lage Raho Munnabhai was screened at Cannes on May 19th and the reaction from the audience was overwhelming. Director Rajkumar Hirani was present at the screening which had people sitting on the aisles as the theatre was completely packed. The 200-seat theatre was packed to capacity and had an 80% white audience. There was also a big group of French students that clapped till the credits were finished. Bole to... Munnabhai Part 3 production mein hai!

## Bebo & King Khan

After the steamy segment on Koffee with Karan, it seems that the two have finally patched things up. Rumors are that Johar is casting sweet Bebo with his favorite actor, of course, the King Khan himself. And following the setting of KHHA & KANK, this future movie of Johar's is also set in amazing New York City.

The movie has already been labeled as an "unusual love story," which Siddarth Malhotra is directing. Like any producer, Johar isn't about to spill the beans, no pun intended! Nonetheless, he does attest that his next film will

be a one guy-one girl romantic film!

## Ash the Mafia Boss

Good girls gone bad, isn't that what we love to hear? Well get ready to hear this! According to Ram Gopal Verma, Rai will play a mafia boss who will take the reins of the family business and become a manager of organized crime, in Sarkar 2. "She will shock audiences," director Ram Gopal Verma has said. "To say she'll be portrayed like never before, would be an understatement. Nobody would expect a looker like her to portray such a dark character. Her beauty won't be enhanced by filters and shaded lighting. She'll be totally without makeup."

So get ready as this good girl goes bad!



nowadays. With Aishwarya, Preity, Kajol and Rani become increasingly "selective" about their films, Kareena's filling the void. She's being considered for Ajay Devgan's next venture. Karan Johar wants to sign her for his next film with SRK, since Kajol is taking too long to decide.

## Zero se Hero

Size-wise, that is. Kareena's new one-dimensional silhouette has caused so many ripples that everyone is jumping on the health-craze bandwagon. Govinda, John Abraham, Vidya Balan, even one-premiere old Mimoh Chakraborty (Mithun's son) are all determined to emerge with rock hard abs, glutes and hams. And I heard that Rakhi Sawant's so committed to weight loss that

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